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INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI

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SUBJ: PRO-ARAB DEMONSTRATIONS IN PAKISTAN

REF: ISLAMABAD 8844

1. SMALL-SCALE DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUPPORT OF ARAB STATES HAVE TAKEN PLACE SPORADICALLY IN MOST MAJOR PAKISTANI CITIES AND TOWNS DURING PAST TEN DAYS. DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE USUALLY CONTAINED ANTI-US COMPONENT. SO FAR, HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN A MINIMUM OF VIOLENCE, AND CENTRAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES HAVE IN MOST CASES PREVENTED DEMONSTRATORS FROM APPROACHING AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS. THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF DAMAGES TO US PROPERTY ASIDE FROM AN INK SPLATTERED WALL OF AMERICAN CENTER, LAHORE.

2. AMCONSUL KARACHI REPORTS THAT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN HELD IN HYDERABAD AND SUKKUR, AS WELL AS IN KARACHI. LEFTIST-ORIENTED RALLY IN KARACHI, SPONSORED BY 24 DIFFERENT GROUPS, DREW ONLY AN ESTIMATED 200-300

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PARTICIPANTS. PROCESSION WAS STOPPED BY POLICE SOME HALF

MILE FROM CONGEN PREMISES. POLICE IN SIND HAVE BEEN VIGILANT AND APPEAR READY TO BLOCK ANY ATTEMPTS TO VIOLATE USG PREMISES. KARACHI ALSO REPORTS THAT GOVERNING PEOPLES' PARTY HAS BEEN NOTICEABLY ABSENT FROM DEMONSTRATIONS TO DATE.

3. CONGEN LAHORE REPORTS THAT SEVERAL SMALL DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE ALSO TAKEN PLACE IN LAHORE SPONSORED BY STUDENT, LABOR, RELIGIOUS AND LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS. CONGEN ALSO REPORTS THAT PEOPLES' PARTY GROUZE HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY DEMONSTRATIONS, AS HAVE LOCAL LABOR LEADERS.

4. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMBER OF SMALL PROCESSIONS IN ISLAMABAD AND RAWALPINDI, ALL OF THEM CAREFULLY MONITORED BY POLICE. NONE HAVE LED TO APPRECIABLE VIOLENCE. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CHIEF OF PROTOCOL INQUIRED OF CHARGE OCTOBER 20 WHETHER EMBASSY WAS "SATISFIED" WITH ARRANGEMENTS GOP HAD MADE TO PROTECT US INSTALLATIONS AND PERSONNEL. CHARGE REPLIED THAT ARRANGEMENTS SO FAR HAD BEEN "OUTSTANDING."

5. COMMENT: WE ARE STRUCK BY LIMITED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS PRO-ARAB DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY DESPITE THE UNIVERSAL EMOTIONAL IDENTIFICATION OF PAKISTANIS WITH THE ARAB CAUSE. GOP'S EVIDENT ORDERS TO LOCAL OFFICIALS TO KEEP DEMONSTRATIONS UNDER CONTROL AND TO PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION BY PEOPLES' PARTY MEMBERS MAY HAVE ACTED AS MAJOR INHIBITING FORCES. RAMAZAN FAST, WE SUSPECT, HAS ALSO DAMPENED POPULAR ENTHUSIASM FOR JOINING IN DEMONSTRATIONS.  
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